

Agency: Department of Education and Early Development**Project Title:**

Chatham School District - Laptop Computer Purchase

State Funding Requested: \$ 40,000**House District: 5 - C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Purchase labtops for school purposes for 45 Highschool Students at Angoon Highschool.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$40,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Klawock High School and others have demonstrated a huge increase in attendance and school participation and success following the purchase of laptops for student use for school purposes. Angoon High School has not met A.Y.P. in four years and this fifth year could be pivoted in measuring success should the Angoon High School be able to provide the students with use of laptops for school. The computers would mirror the Millennium Project where other schools received computers for individual students who show huge turn around in school work completion and comprehension.

Project Timeline:

Purchase as soon as funds available.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Angoon Highschool, Chatham School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Honorable Senator Kookesh and Representative Thomas,

The Chatham School district has met AYP in all the communities in the Chatham School District but one, that being Angoon Schools.

We did not participate in the Gateway project which gave Lap Top computers to students in as many as 30 high schools around the state. In talking to Klawock and Tok superintendents, the reality of internet wireless in the school was a positive as it related to those laptop computers. It seems that students were so willing to use the computers that they not only took excellent care of the computers but since it only turned on within the confines of the wireless school building that the students could not wait to come to school to use the computer.

Klawock and Tok both showed a higher rate of attendance with Klawock being able to show 97% attendance since school started this school year.

Angoon has 45 high school students for 2008-9 school year. We would like to allow each high school student to have a lap top computer. We already have a wireless building for the internet and think that this move would help with student participation and success in the classroom.

The cost of the laptops would be \$40,000.00 which would allow for two extra laptops for emergency use i.e. stolen or bad computers and the laptops would be owned by the school district. If students graduate the laptops would be available to next years students.

It is our intention to purchase the computers for the 2008-2009 school year starting in August 2008. We do have computer techs available for configuration of the laptops. We do intend to maintain and pay any additional costs through our school district.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vance Rucker". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Vance Cortez Rucker, Superintendent